

Application Serial No. 10/748,746
Response Dated February 5, 2009
Reply to Interview Summary of January 29, 2009

Attorney Docket No. 81868.0111
Customer No. 26021

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
Tsutomu Baba
Serial No.: 10/748,746
Confirmation No.: 2672
Filed: December 30, 2003
For: USB Communication Method and
Computer System with USB
Communication Line

Art Unit: 2416
Examiner: Pham, Brenda H

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**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF
INTERVIEW**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Interview Summary dated January 29, 2009, the Applicant submits the following:

Statement of the substance of the interview begins on page 2 of this paper.

STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

The Interview Summary of January 29, 2009 submitted by Examiner Pham requests that the Applicant file a Statement of the Substance of the Interview within thirty days of the interview date, January 28, 2009. To the extent that the discussion of the interview in the Response to Final Office action, filed January 29, 2009, did not completely address the Examiner's requests, Applicant submits the following summary.

On January 28, 2009, Applicant's representative Rose Hickman conducted a telephonic interview with Examiner Brenda Pham. During the interview, Applicant's representative discussed the failure of the cited reference, Nishihara (U.S. Pat. No. 7,050,455), to teach or suggest at least two limitations in Applicant's independent claims: a predetermined packet size set in advance; and an ID code "presence" or "absence" indicating the presence or absence of a succeeding packet. Applicant's representative also pointed out teachings to the contrary within specific passages of Nishihara. The Examiner indicated that she needed additional time to study the prior art and an eventual response filed by Applicant, so no agreement was reached.

The Applicant filed a Response After Final Office Action on January 29, 2009, and looks forward to the opportunity to discuss the Response further with the Examiner after it is considered before filing a Notice of Appeal.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (310) 785-4600 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,
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Date: February 5, 2009

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